

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~Telematic~~ A telematic display device ~~of the type~~
comprising:

[[-]] telecommunication means ~~(18-19)~~ capable of interacting with a data exchange network, and

[[-]] a user interface ~~(2-3)~~ capable of interacting with the telecommunication means in order to display information drawn and data received,

wherein the telecommunication means are ~~contrived~~ configured to receive meteorological data, from which is drawn a display on the user interface, ~~characterised in that~~
wherein

[[-]] the telecommunication means ~~(18-19)~~ are ~~contrived~~ configured to interact spontaneously with a station [[(20)]] in order on the one hand to define a geographical area, and on the other hand to access [[(21)]] substantially regularly a data set comprising rainfall forecast/duration pairs which are valid in the geographical area for consecutive periods, [[this]] said data set being dated by a time mark generator;

[[-]] the user interface [[(2)]] has a field of ordered display segments ~~(5A to 5E)~~ each capable of being displayed in plural states, and

[[-]] the display device further comprising a pilot ~~(23, 3)~~ capable of reacting to ~~the reception of receiving~~ a data set by updating the state of at least some of the display segments, selectively according to the rainfall forecast/duration pairs which [[the]] data received contain and according to [[the]] a relation between the time mark generator of [[this]] said data set and a temporal reference of the segments.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the pilot processes the segments relative to a segment of origin (~~5A-Fig. 2;~~ ~~6B, Fig. 4)~~ which indicates the temporal reference, modulo a selected periodicity, and ~~in that~~ wherein upon receiving a data set, ~~[[it]]~~ said pilot updates at least ~~[[the]]~~ a display ~~segment(s)~~ segment corresponding to new data.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~either of claims 1 or 2,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the segment ~~[[(5E)]]~~ preceding that of ~~[[the]]~~ a current forecast is subject to a distinctive display.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the user interface also comprises a display element of a time (~~Fig. 4~~), and ~~in that~~ the pilot is ~~contrived furthermore~~ further configured to update ~~[[this]]~~ said display element according to the time mark generator.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a cursor ~~[[(12)]]~~ capable of designating one of the segments.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the user interface further comprises a dial ~~[[(4)]]~~ for the analogue display of the present time, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ordered field of display segments (~~5A-5E~~) is the counterpart of the dial ~~[[(4)]]~~.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~claim 6, taken in combination with claim 5, characterised in that~~ wherein the cursor has a minute hand ~~[[(12)]]~~ actuated according to the time mark generator.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that it comprises claim 1, further comprising~~ a memory (processor 23) for storing at least some of the data received.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that claim 1, wherein~~ a data set received comprises (Fig. 6) a sequence of data blocks or symbols relating to short consecutive periods of rainfall forecast, the time mark generator relating to one of ~~these~~ said blocks and, ~~in that~~ upon each reception, the user interface pilot is ~~contrived~~ configured to make ~~[[the]]~~ a state of the segments correspond to ~~[[the]]~~ respective contents of at least some of the said data blocks.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to claim 9, ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein a short period associated with a data block is about 1 minute.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~either of claims 9 or 10, characterised in that claim 9, wherein~~ the sequence of data blocks of one set relates to an overall duration at least equal to about three hours.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to claim 11, ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein an overall duration is about 1 hour.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the field of segments (5A to 5E) extends in a substantially linear form (~~Fig. 5~~).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the field of segments (5A to 5E) extends in a substantially circular form (~~Figures 2, 4~~).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~the preceding claim, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the telecommunication means interact with a station ~~[(20)]~~ in a manner capable of effecting at least partly the definition of the geographical area.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ the claim 1, wherein a definition of the geographical area is effected at least partly by data transmitted by the telecommunication means ~~[(20)]~~.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the telecommunication means interact with the network according to a period of ~~about 5 minutes~~ longer than 1 minute.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to claim 17, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the period is ~~longer than about 1 minute~~ about 5 minutes.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the rainfall forecasts represent the following rainfall states: absence of rain, fine or light rain, heavy or intense rain.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to claim ~~[[20]]~~ 19, ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein an absence of rain is displayed on the user interface by a continuous light colour, the fine or light rain by lines, and the heavy or intense rain by a continuous dark coloration.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ A device according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the geographical area has a dimension substantially equal to 1 km².

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): ~~Method~~ A method of telematic signalling, comprising the following ~~stages~~ steps:

~~a. interrogate~~ interrogating a remote station in order to receive meteorological data therefrom,

~~b. display~~ displaying locally a representation of ~~these~~ said meteorological data, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein

~~stage a.~~ said step of interrogating is carried out spontaneously and repetitively in a manner ~~which makes it possible~~ so as to define a geographical area and to have access substantially regularly ~~[[(21)]]~~ to a data set comprising rainfall forecast/duration pairs which are valid in the geographical area for consecutive periods, ~~[[this]]~~ said data set being dated by a time mark generator,

~~stage b.~~ said step of displaying comprises both updating of ~~[[the]]~~ display segments (5A to 5E) ordered according to a field, ~~[[and]]~~ wherein each being display segment is capable of being displayed in plural states selectively according to the rainfall forecast/duration pairs which ~~[[the]]~~ data received contain and according to ~~[[the]]~~ a relation between the time mark generator of ~~[[this]]~~ said data set and a temporal reference of the segments.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): ~~Method~~ A method according to claim 22, further comprising repeating said steps of interrogating and displaying characterised in that the repetition of the stages takes place periodically, [[the]] based on a period being about 5 minutes of greater than 1 minute.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): ~~Method~~ A method according to claim 23, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the period ~~of repetition of the stages is more than about 1 minute~~ is about 5 minutes.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): ~~Method~~ A method according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that stage b.~~ claim 22, wherein said step of displaying comprises the ~~display of~~ displaying a distinctive state for ~~[[the]]~~ a segment ~~[[5E]]~~ which precedes that of ~~the~~ a current forecast.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): ~~Method~~ A method according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that stage b.~~ also claim 22, wherein said step of displaying comprises ~~[[the]]~~ updating according to the time mark generator of a display element of a time (Fig. 4) which the user interface comprises.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): ~~Method~~ A method according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims, characterised in that it comprises display~~ claim 22, further comprising displaying on
the user interface ~~[[of]]~~ the time relating to the display of the meteorological data according
to a time mark generator and the temporal reference of the segments.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): ~~Method~~ A method according to ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims, characterised in that stage a. claim 22, wherein said step of interrogating~~ comprises
~~the reception of~~ receiving a data set which comprises ~~(Fig. 6)~~ a sequence of data blocks or
symbols relating to short consecutive periods of rainfall forecasting, the time mark generator
relating to one of the blocks, and ~~in that~~ at each update, ~~stage b. said step of displaying~~
comprises placing in correspondence of the state of the segments with the respective contents
of at least some of the data blocks.